

EDWARD BELKNAP,

BANKER,

NO. 57 WALL STREET.

NEW-YORK,

18<sup>th</sup> Feby. 1858

Mr Booth  
Chemist  
U.S. Mint Phil<sup>a</sup>

Dear Sir

I have been  
referred to you ~~to~~ as to the  
professional ability & standing  
of Dr. Smith Metallurgist residing  
in Walnut st below Fourth Phil<sup>a</sup>

Will you be good to inform  
me whether in your opinion  
assays & analyses of metallic  
ores made by him may be  
relied upon for accuracy

Respectfully

Edward Belknap



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asks opinion on D<sup>r</sup> Genth  
favorable reply